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Information Disclosure Statement

This communication is in response to a telephone call from Jerome Massie indicating that the paper mailed 3-15-04 is in error. The examiner agrees that the paper mailed 3-15-04 is in error because the IDS faxed 2-5-04 was actually timely filed.

The examiner understands that the original IDS document, filed in October 2002, was only entered in the PALM system, which caused a misunderstanding of the timeliness (because the IDS was not also scanned into the IFW system).

Regardless of the previous misunderstanding, the references have been considered by the examiner as evidenced by the initialed Form 1449 attached.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan Pert whose telephone number is 703-306-5689. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30AM-3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on 703-308-1233.

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